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SUBJECT: SADAT INTERVIEW ON U.S. AID AND SOVIET DEBT

1. MAY 15 NEW YORK TIMES (HENRY TANNER FROM BEIRUT) HAS FRONT PAGE STORY UNDER HEADLINE QUOTE SADAT SAYS HE'LL ASK U.S. FOR AID ON DEBT TO SOVIETS UNQUOTE BASED ON INTERVIEW WITH LEBANESE MAGAZINE AL-HAWADITH CARRIED FBIS 143 OF MAY 14. TIMES AND AP WIRE BOTH QUOTE SADAT THAT HE WILL RAISE THIS ISSUE AT SALZBURG WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

2. TEXT OF INTERVIEW MAKES CLEAR SADAT SAID SOMETHING QUITE DIFFERENT: QUOTE WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH OUR ARAB BROTHERS, NOT TO PAY OUR DEBTS BUT TO QUICKLY STRENGTHEN UNCLASSIFIED

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OUR ECONOMY SO THAT WE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO DISCHARGE

OUR OBLIGATION TOWARD THE SOVIETS AND OTHERS. OUR CONTACTS ARE NOT CONFINED TO OUR ARAB BROTHERS. WE ARE ALSO IN CONTACT WITH THE UNITED STATES. THIS WILL BE ONE OF THE MAIN POINTS IN MY MEETING WITH PRESIDENT FORD IN SALZBURG. UNQUOTE.

3. AT NOON BRIEFING MAY 15 DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN READ ABOVE TEXT AND POINTED OUT IT DOES NOT BEAR OUT PRESS STORIES. TEXT OF NOON BRIEFING EXCHANGE BEING SENT SEPTTEL.

4. ADDRESSEES SHOULD INFORM EGYPTIANS OF MISLEADING WAY SADAT INTERVIEW BEING PLAYED AND OF OUR EFFORTS TO PUT IT INTO PROPER CONTEXT. DEPT HAS INFORMED EGYPTIAN EMBASSY OF ABOVE.

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